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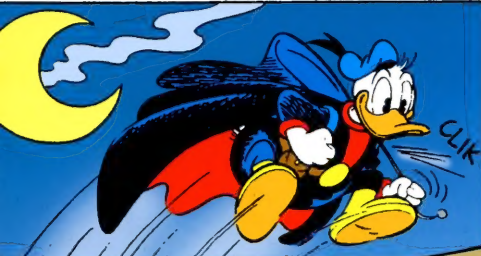
Donald Duck

SEE THE
SHOCKING
CONCLUSION!
UNCLE SCROOGE IS
LOSING MONEY...
ARE YOU SCARED
YET?!

The TRUE ORIGIN
of the DIABOLICAL

Duck Avenger





STORY 1

The Diabolical Duck Avenger (Part 2 of 2)
from Italian *Topolino* 707, 1969 (New to the USA)

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ARTIST Giovan Battista Carpi

COLORIST Nea Aktina A. E. with Travis and Nicole Seitler

LETTERER Travis and Nicole Seitler

TRANSLATION and DIALOGUE Gary Leach



Above: In pitching "Birthday Bugaboo," writer/artists Harry Gladstone created this test sequence in an imitation of Carl Barks' 1946 art and lettering style. However, the 1970s editors preferred that Gladstone use then-current Duck character designs, leading to the final draft as seen in the following pages. Image courtesy Philip Gladstone.

WALT DISNEY'S Donald Duck



STORY 2

Birthday Bugaboo

from *Donald Duck* 169, 1976

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COLORIST Digikore Studios

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SUB COVER Derek Charm

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WALT DISNEY'S

THE **DIABOLICAL**

Duck Avenger

PART TWO

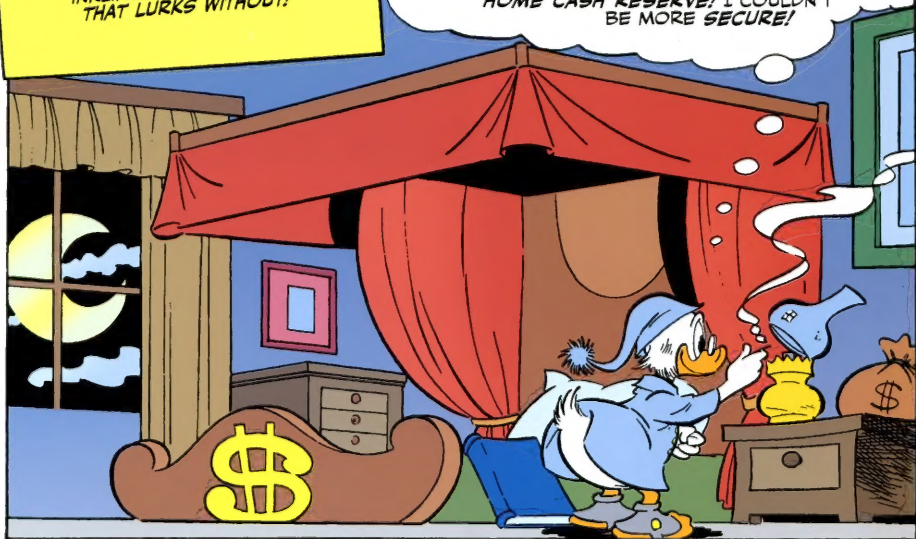
SO WHERE WERE WE? OH, YES... **MOCKED BY COUSIN GLADSTONE, HARRIED BY UNCLE SCROOGE, AND UNDERVALUED BY HIS THREE KNOW-IT-ALL NEPHEWS, DONALD DUCK'S BEEN STUCK WITH ALL THE BAD LUCK... UNTIL NOW!**

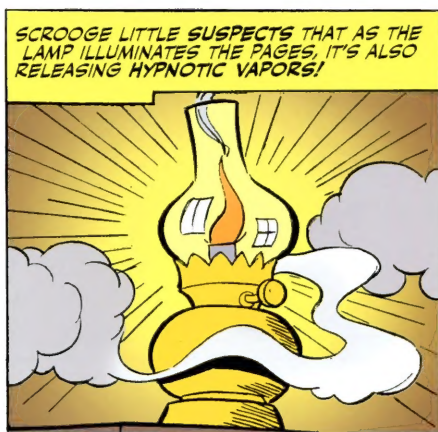
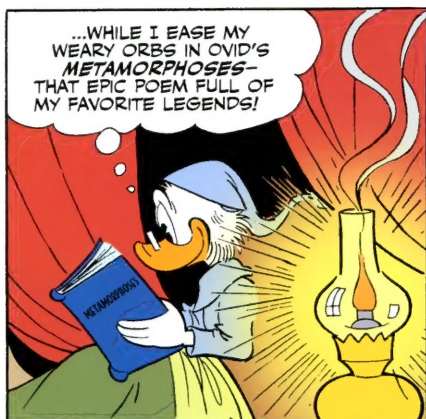
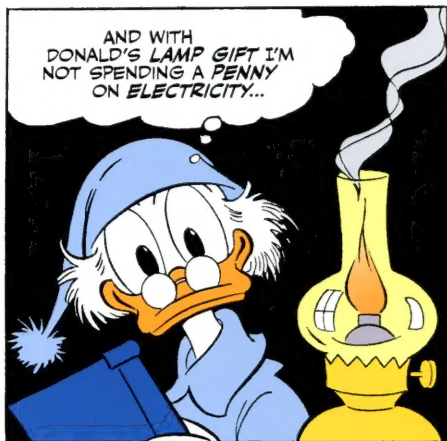
THANKS TO A MIX-UP IN THE MAIL, OUR HAPLESS HERO RECEIVES THE DEED TO VILLA ROSE-A MANSION THAT WAS, DECADES AGO, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THAT LEGENDARY ADVENTURER, FANTOMALLARD! THIS INFAMOUS FIGURE LED A DOUBLE LIFE AS A GENTLEMAN THIEF AND FIGHTER OF CORRUPTION! NOW DONALD, FINDING FANTOMALLARD'S DIARY HIDDEN IN THE VILLA, LEARNS ALL THE ELUSIVE RICHNIK'S SECRET METHODS OF PULLING CAPERS AND HIDING FROM THE LAW!

THESE TRICKS-PLUS A SUPPLY OF GYRO GEARLOOSE'S MARDI GRAS MASKS-ENABLE DONALD TO TRANSFORM HIMSELF INTO THE DUCK AVENGER... AND UNDER THE CLOAK OF NIGHT SPRING HIS SCHEMES ON HIS FANCIED FOES! IT'S PAYBACK TIME!

**DUSK AT MCDUCK MANOR!
UNCLE SCROOGE HAS NO
INKLING OF THE THREAT
THAT LURKS WITHOUT!**

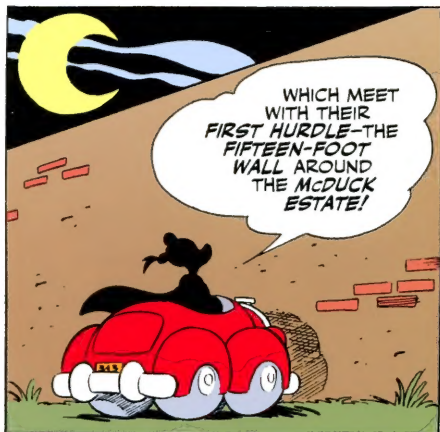
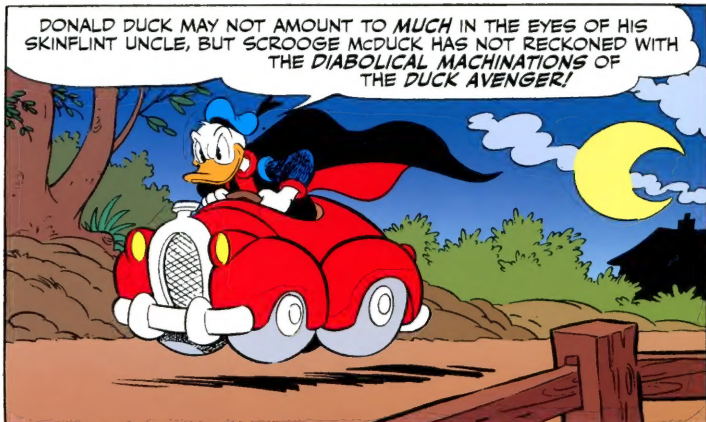
**>HEH!< HIGH WALLS
ON ALL SIDES... A FRONT
DOOR OF SOLID STEEL...
AND ELECTRONIC BOOBY TRAPS
GUARDING MY FANTASTICATRILLION-DOLLAR
HOME CASH RESERVE! I COULDN'T
BE MORE SECURE!**

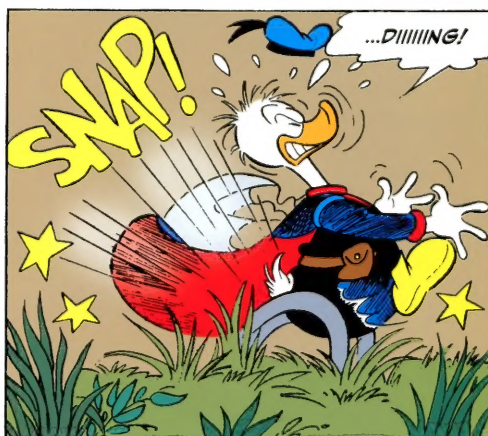
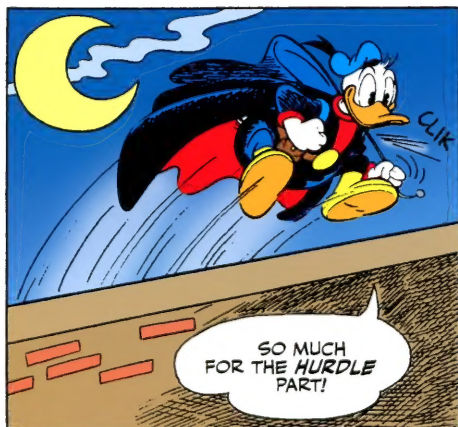
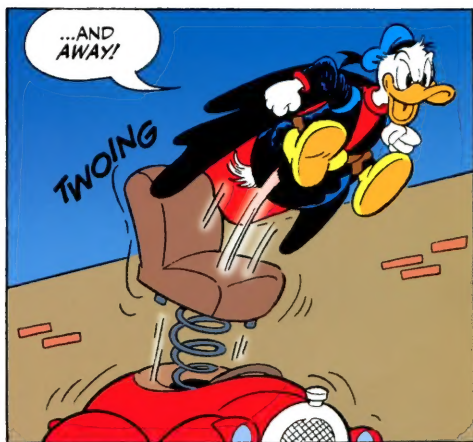
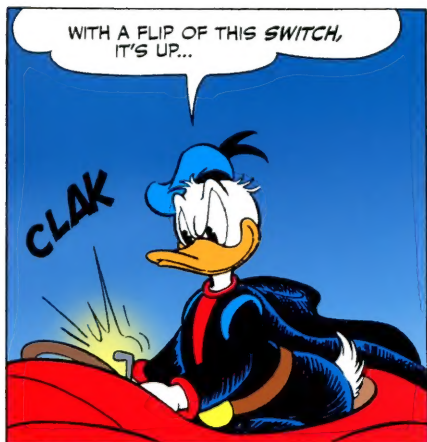


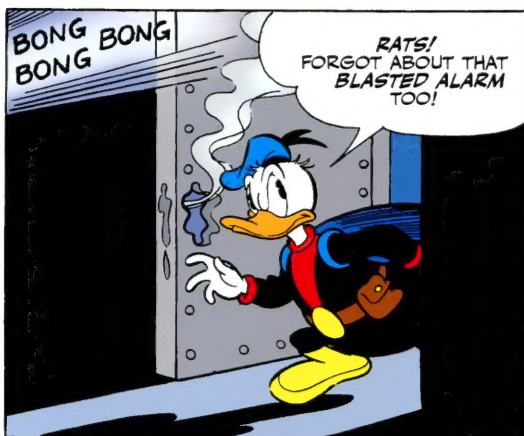
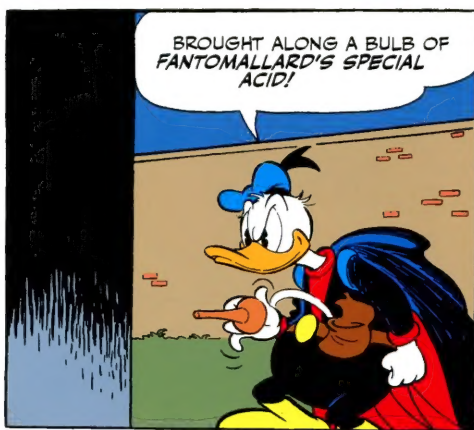


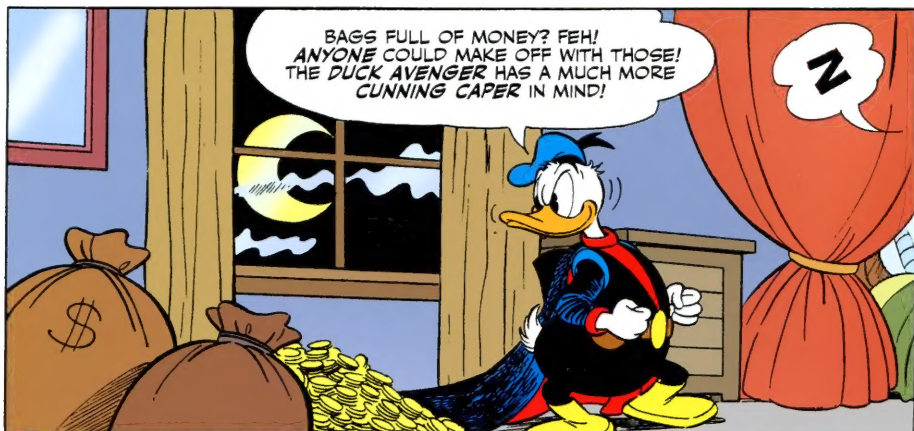
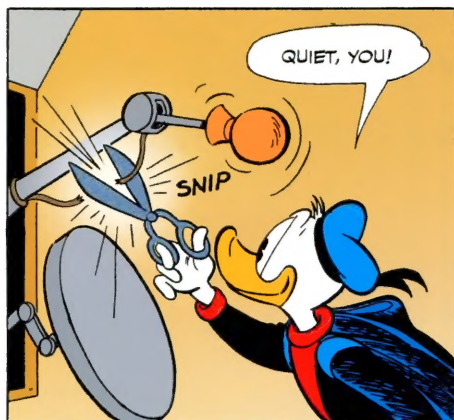
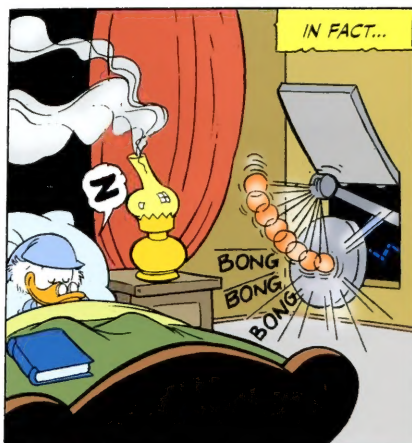
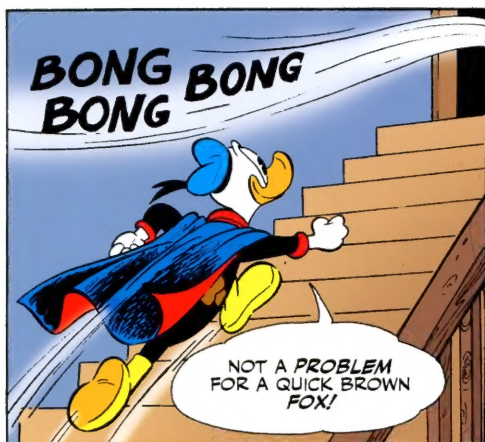


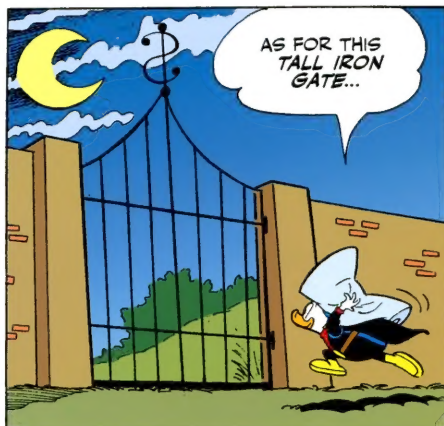
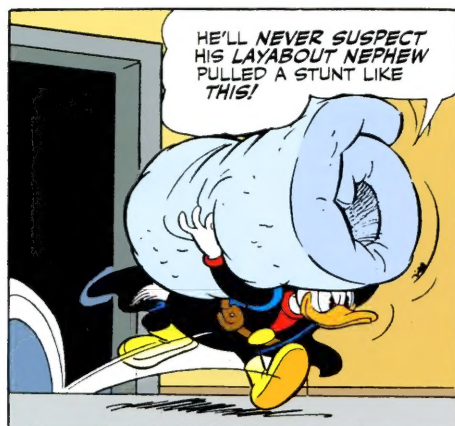
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BARRELLING
THROUGH
THE
NIGHT...



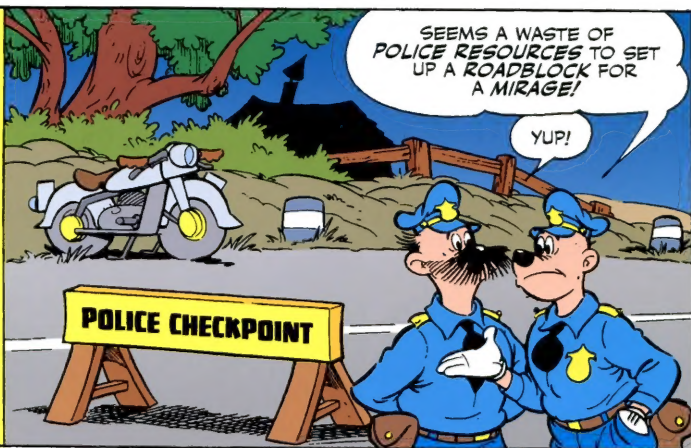








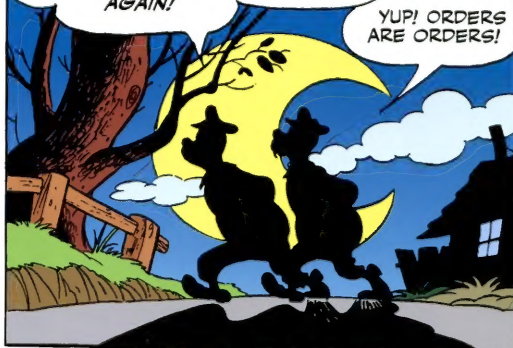
MEANWHILE,
UNAWARE OF
THE ROLE
THEY WILL
PLAY IN THE
REBIRTH OF
A LEGEND...



STILL, THAT OLD DUFFER *SWORE*
HE SAW *FANTOMALLARD* CHARGING
UP AND DOWN THIS ROAD!
THE LONG-GONE
FANTOMALLARD!

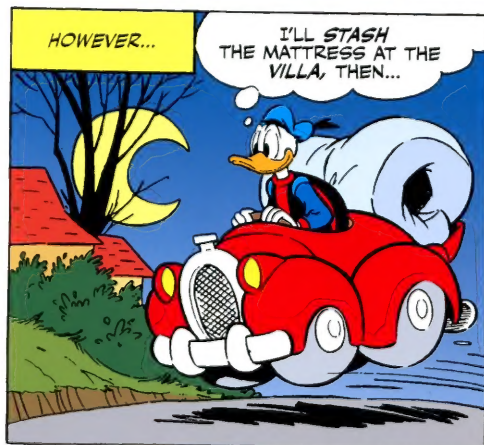


SO WE LOSE A WHOLE NIGHT ON
ASSIGNED STAKEOUT—JUST IN CASE
HE TURNS UP
AGAIN!



HOWEVER...

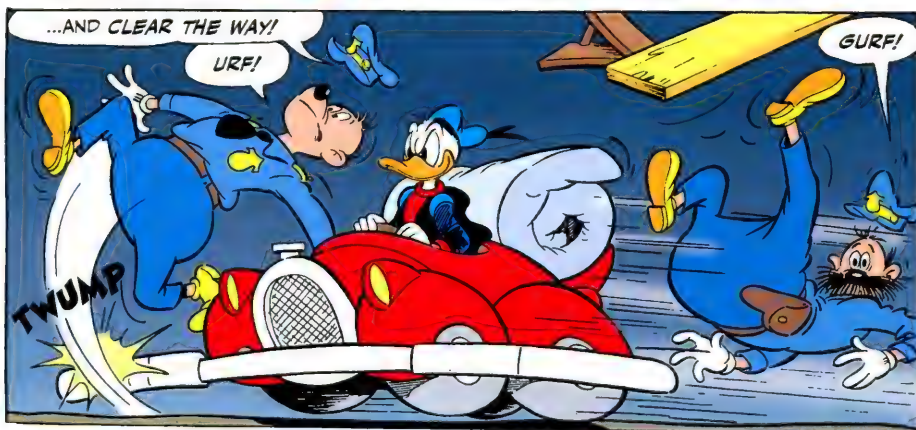
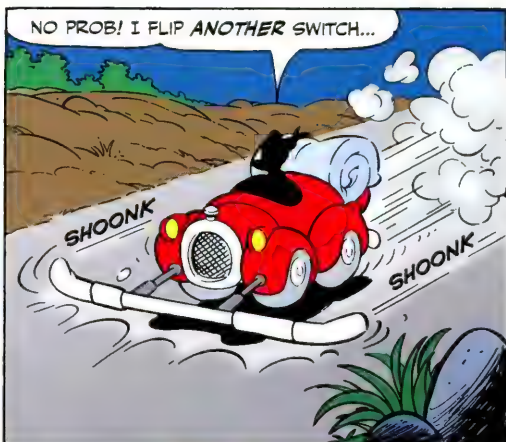
I'LL STASH
THE MATTRESS AT THE
VILLA, THEN...

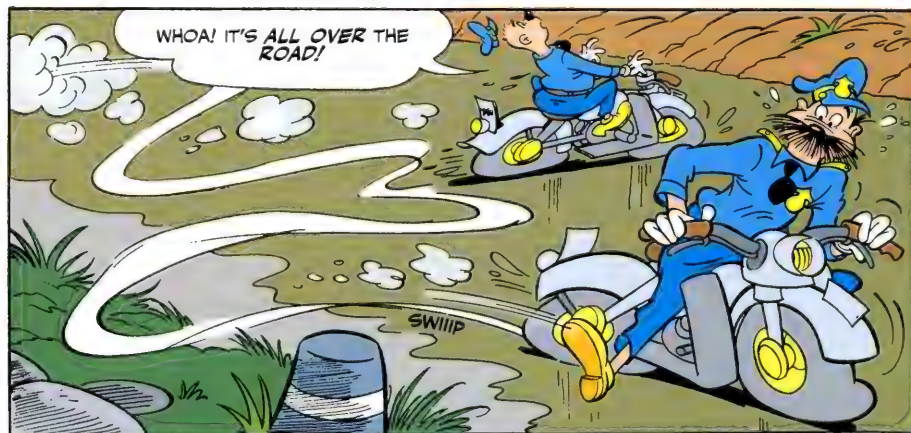
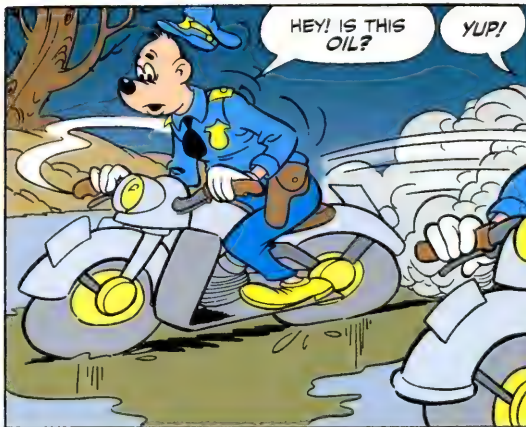


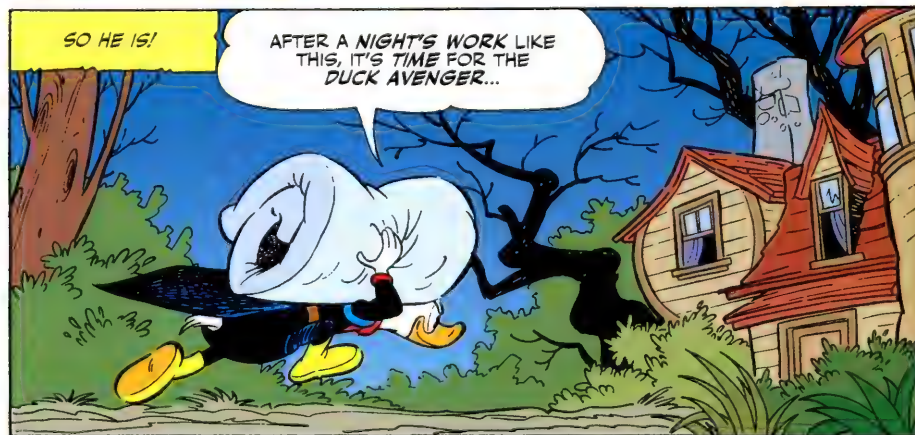
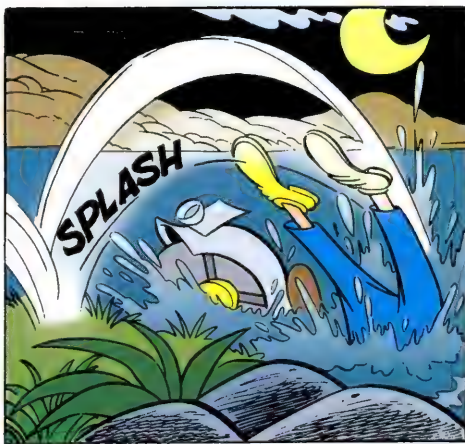
AH! OUR FIRST
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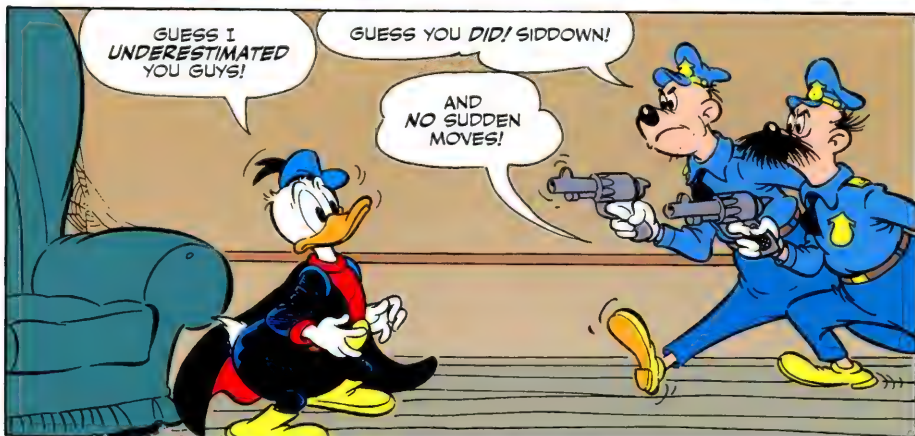
YUP! HOPE
HE'S NOT IN A
HURRY!

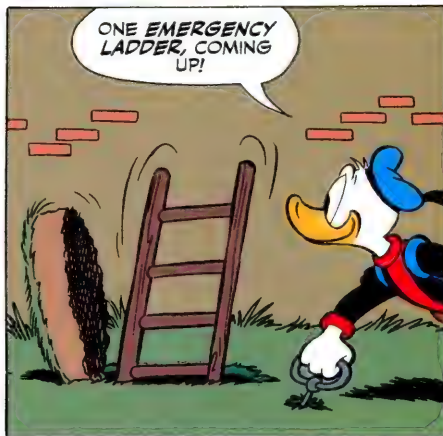
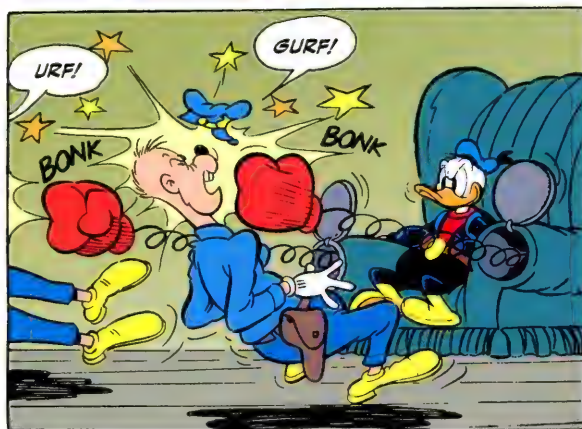


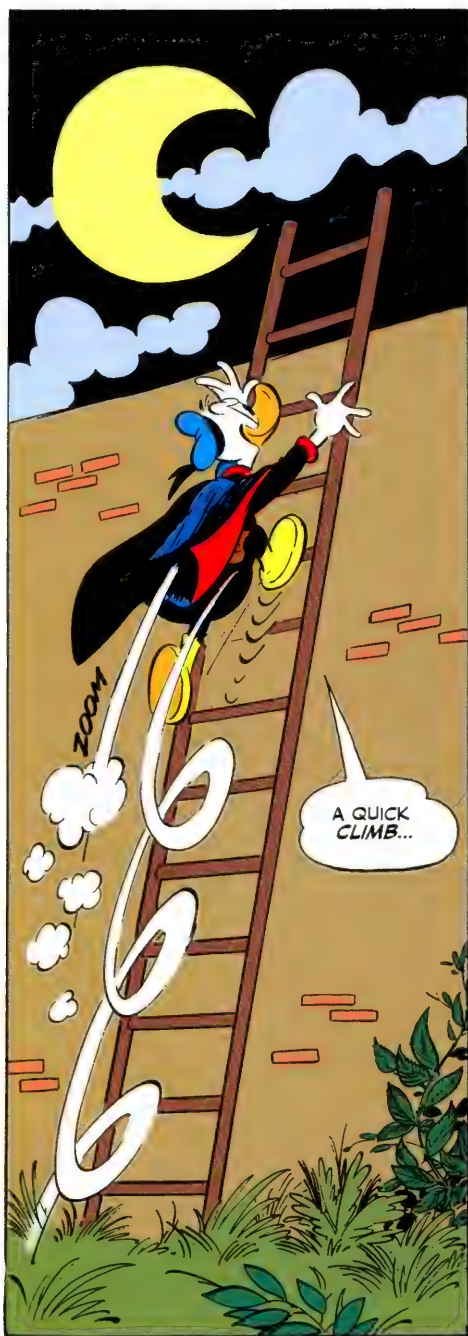


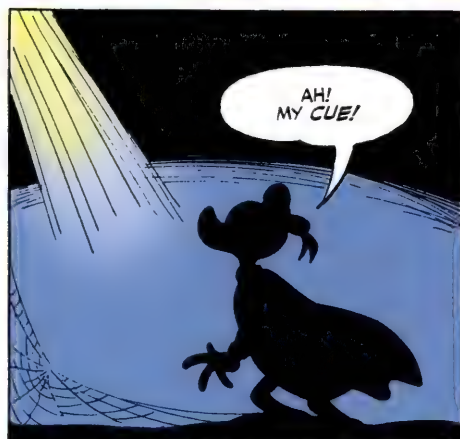
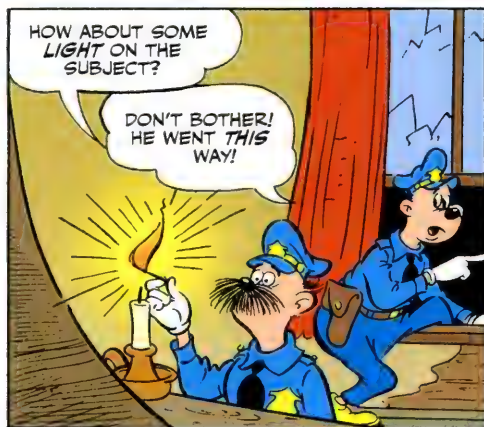
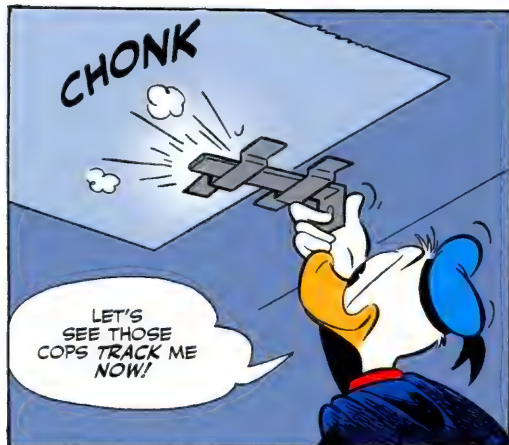


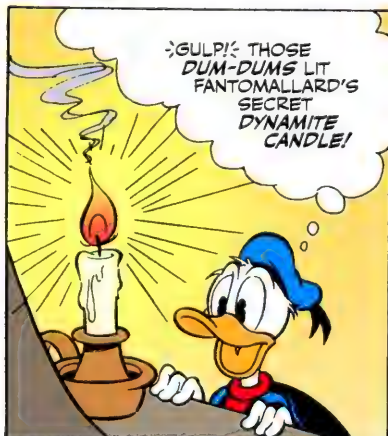
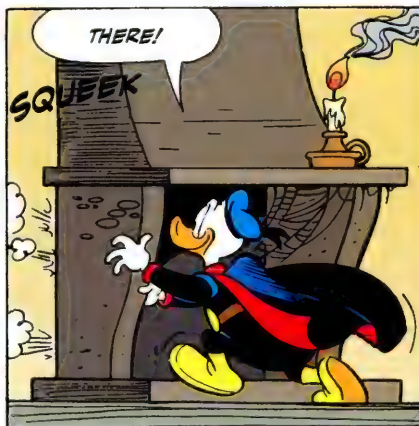
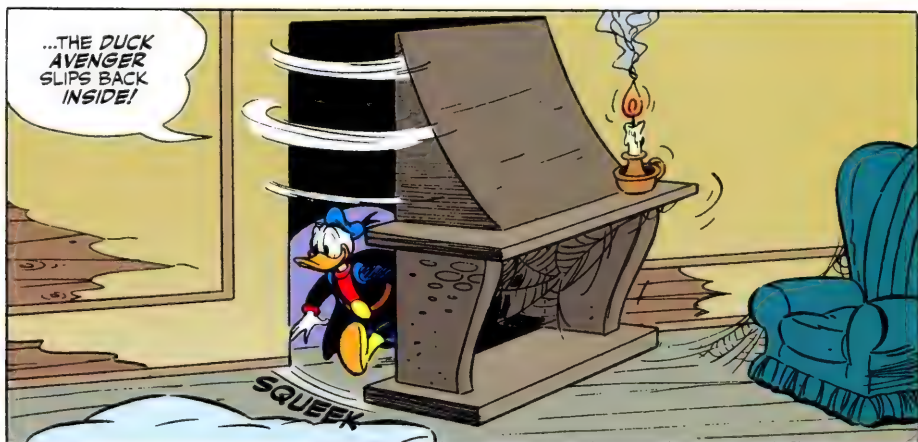


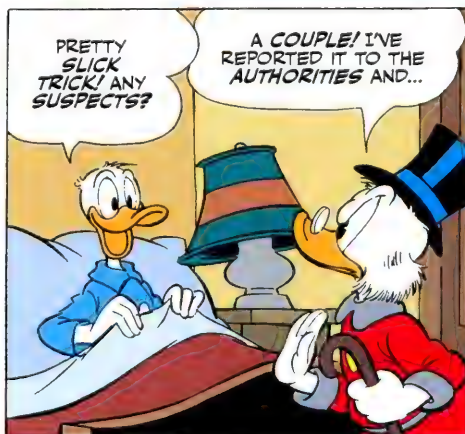
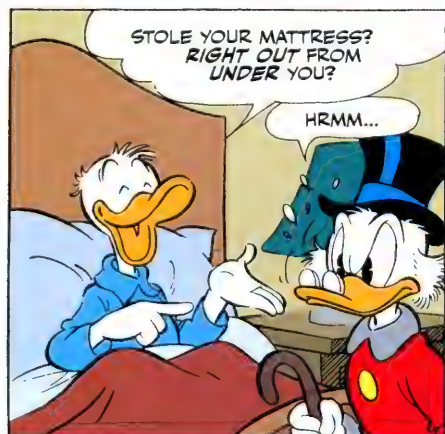
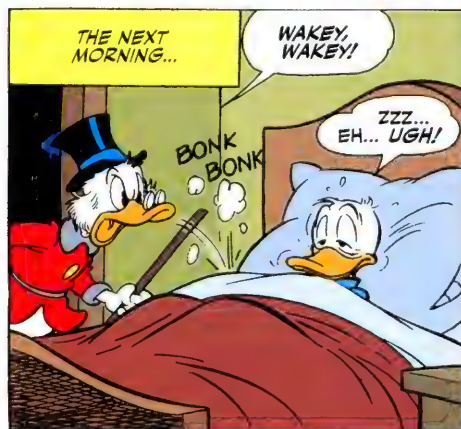


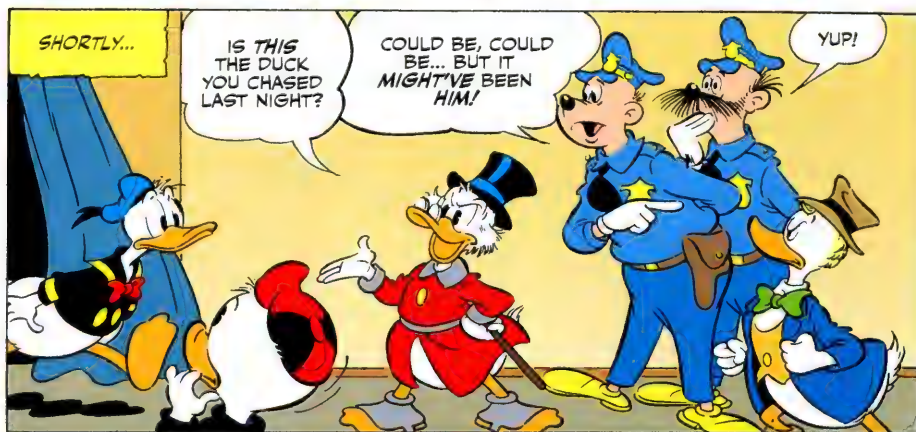












...LET'S GET DOWN TO CASES!
ONE OF YOU STOLE MY MATTRESS!

WHY
ME?

AND WHY
ME?



DON'T STEAL
MY QUESTION, YOU
SLICKED-BACK
CROOK!

CROOK? ME? IT'S
ALL YOU, YOU
PALLET PILFERER!



THIEF!

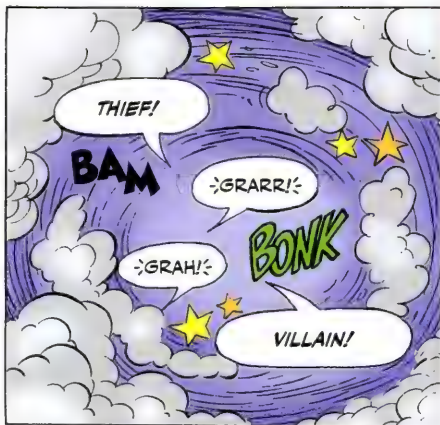
BAM

:-GRARR!:-

:-GRAH!:-

BONK

VILLAIN!



ENOUGH!

LUCK!

ACK!

THUD



RIGHT NOW ALL I REALLY CARE ABOUT
IS THE MATTRESS... AND RELIABLE
WITNESSES SAY IT'S STOWED AT
VILLA ROSE!

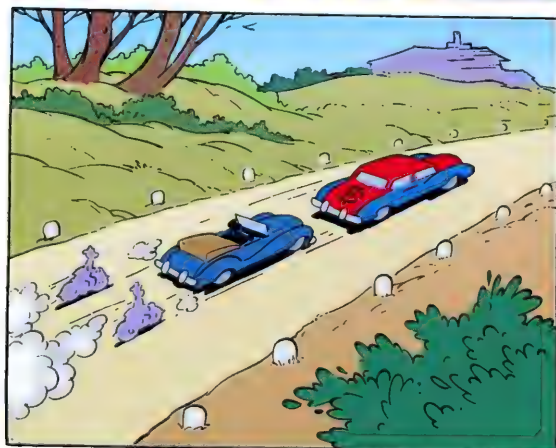
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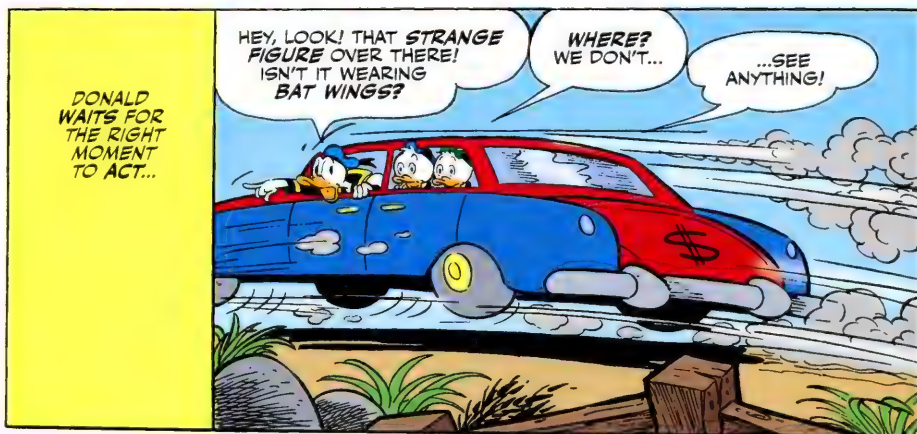
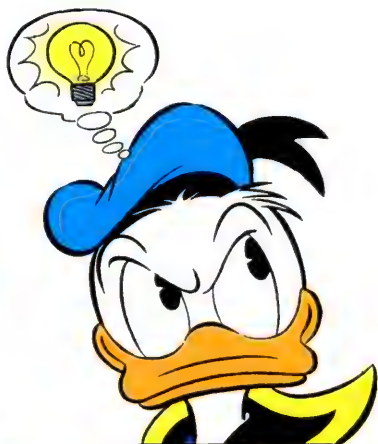
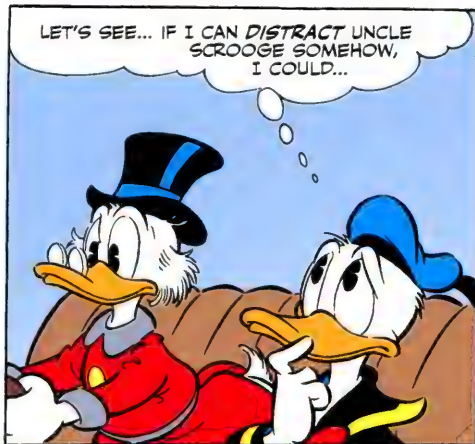


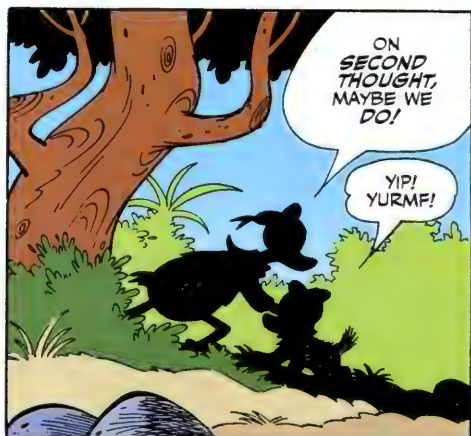
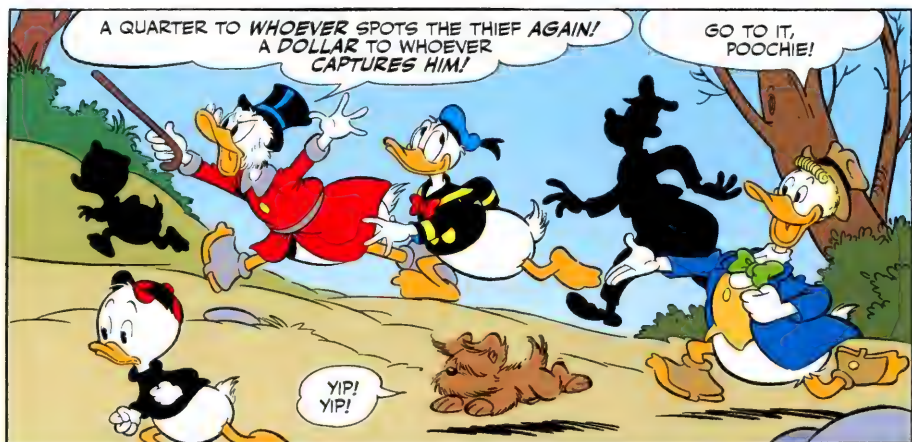
YEAH, US! WE EVEN CORNERED THE
THIEF THERE, BUT
HE GOT AWAY!

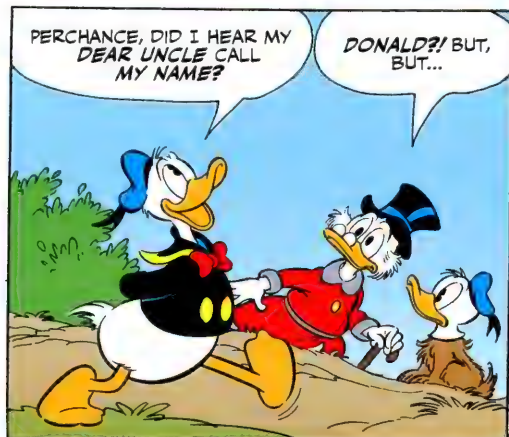
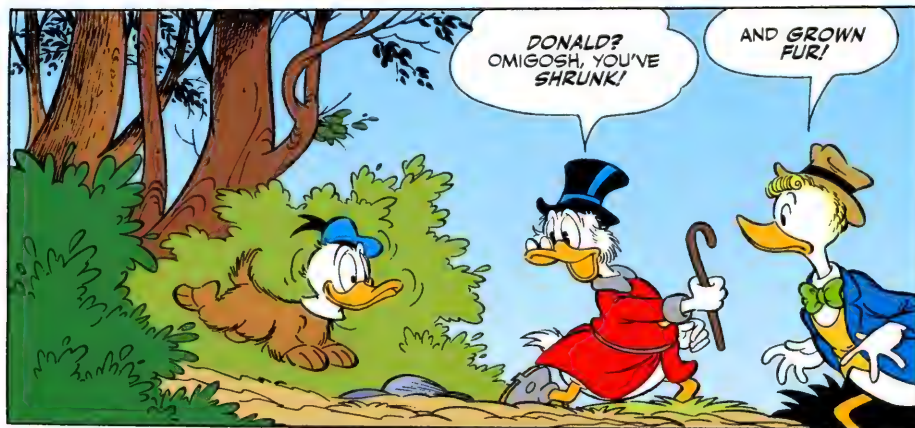
NEVER MIND!
WE'LL FIND HIM!



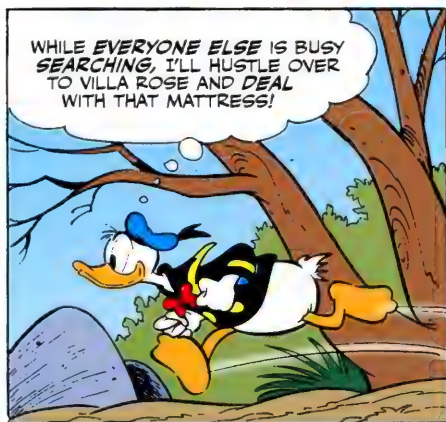


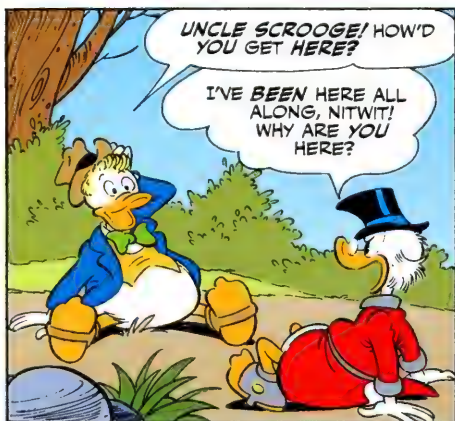
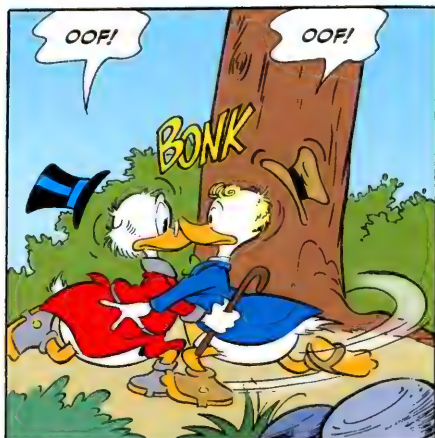
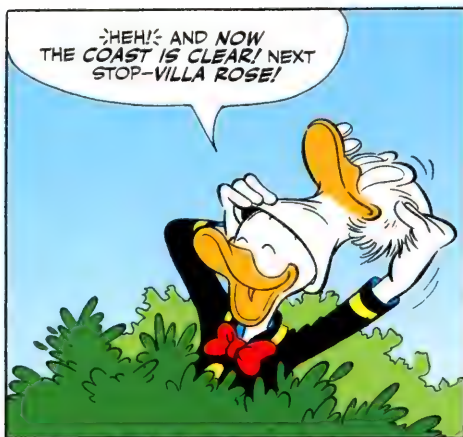


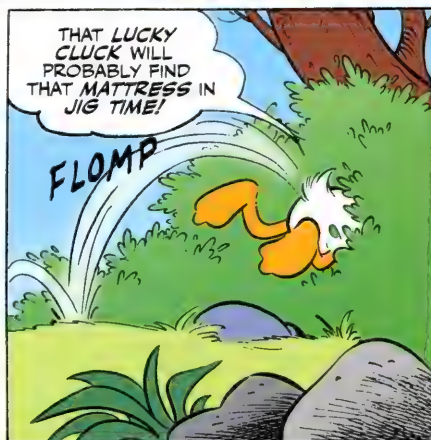
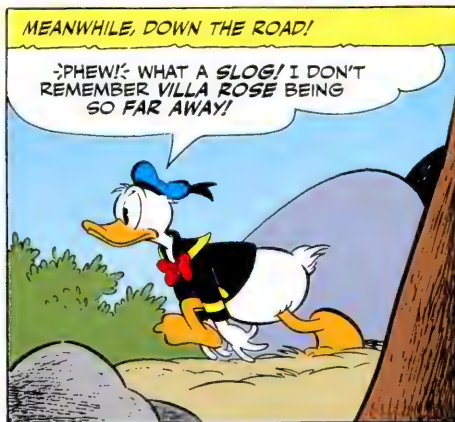
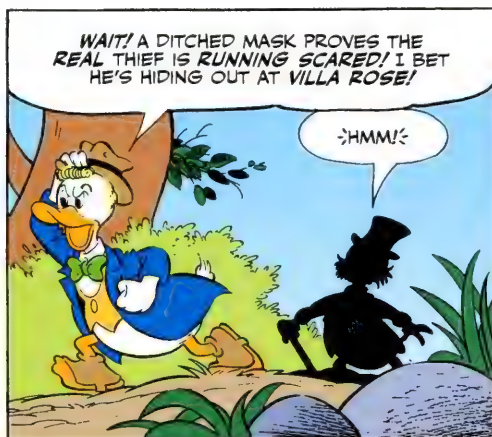


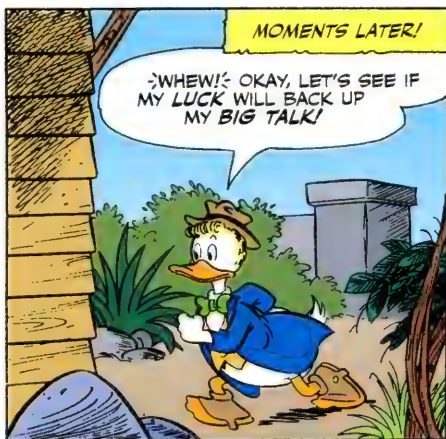


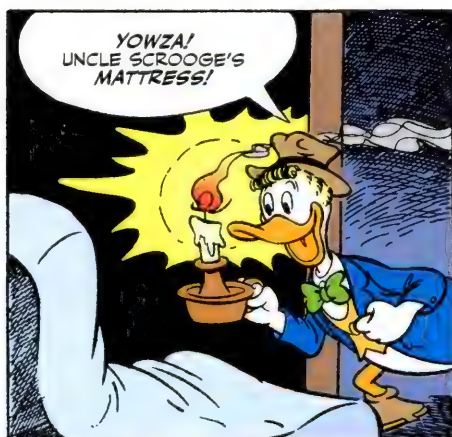


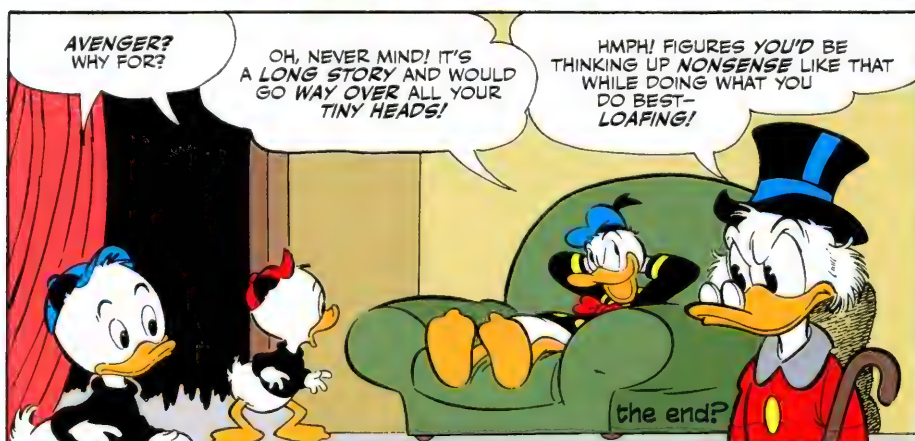
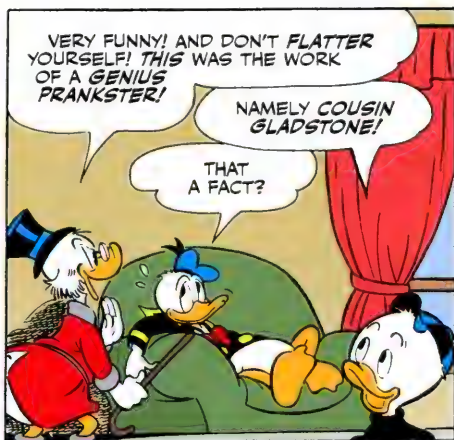
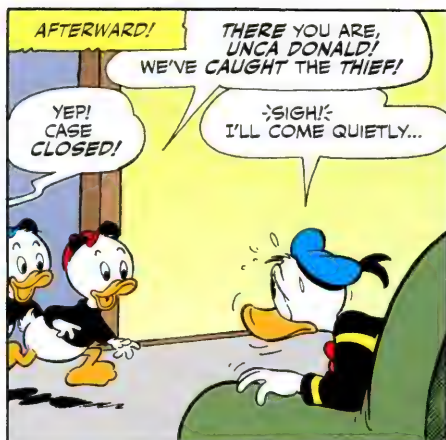










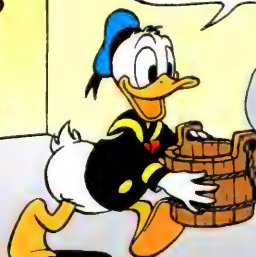


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DONALD DUCK

BIRTHDAY BUGABOO

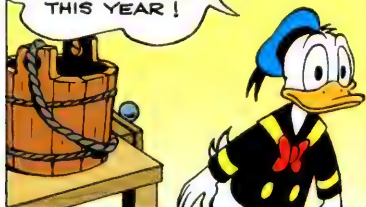


I GOT A GOOD BUY ON
THIS OLD OAKEN BUCKET!
IT WILL MAKE A GREAT LAMP
BASE WHEN I RESTORE IT TO
ITS ANCIENT SPLENDOR!



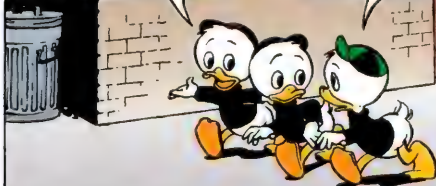
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BUT NOW I'D BETTER
GIVE SOME THOUGHT
AS TO WHAT I'LL
GET THE KIDS FOR
THEIR BIRTHDAY
THIS YEAR!



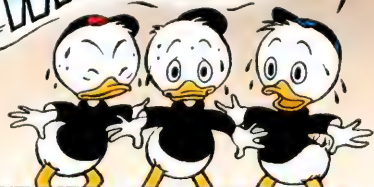
DO YOU THINK UNCA
DONALD WILL GET US
A PET FOR OUR
BIRTHDAY?

NO
CHANCE!
HE THINKS THEY'RE
TOO MESSY!



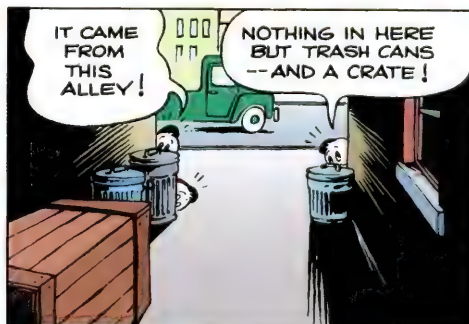
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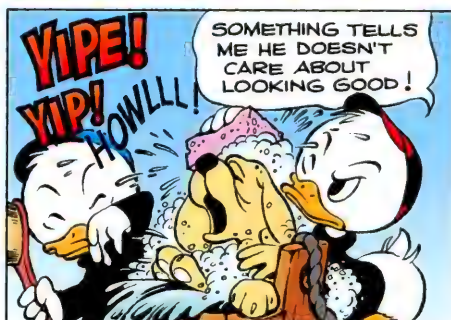
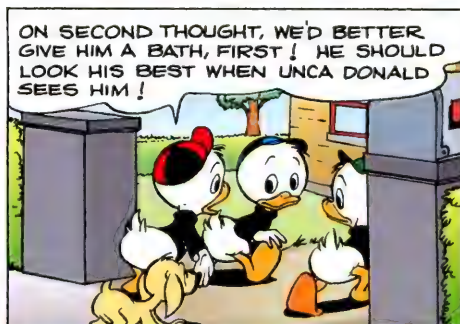
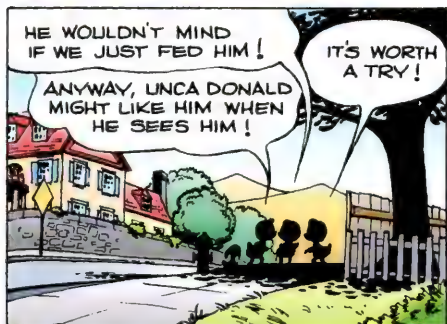
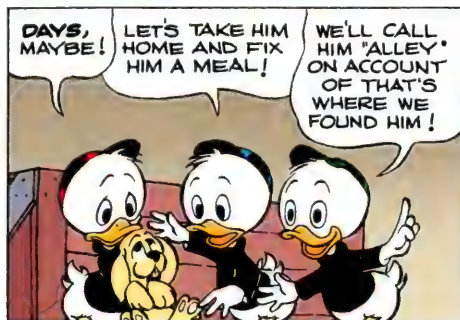
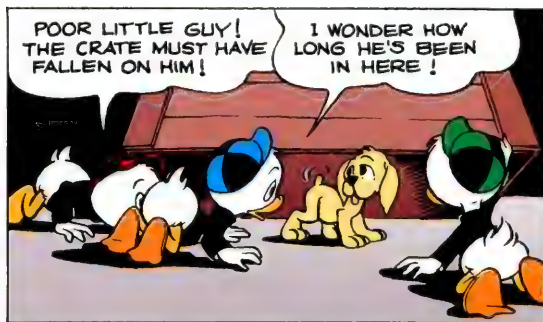
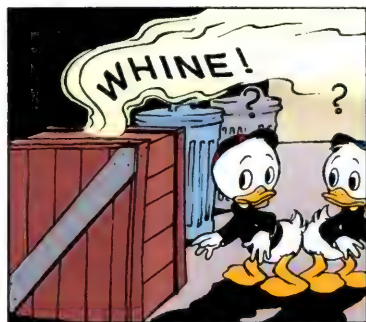
YE CATS!
WHAT'S
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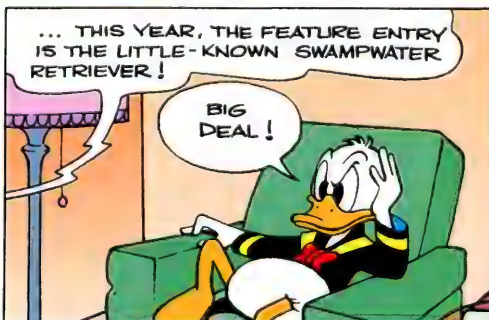
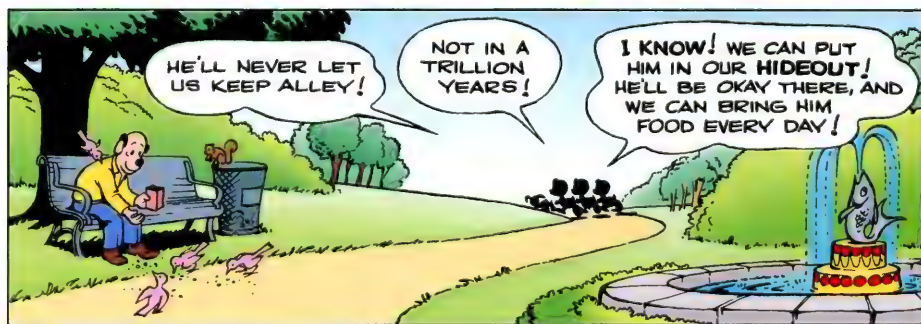
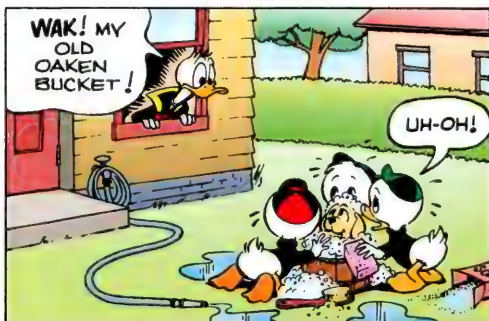


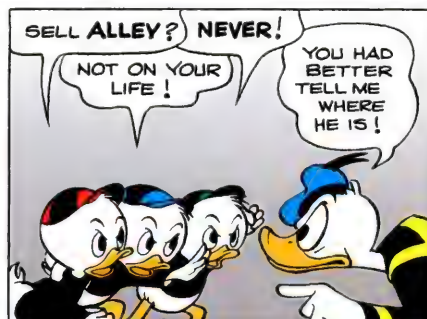
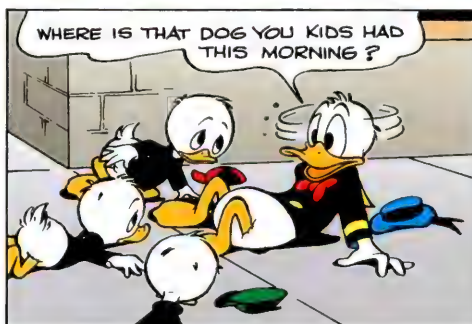
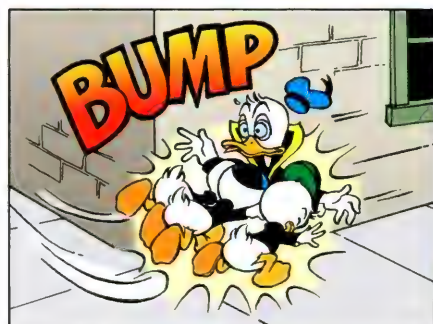
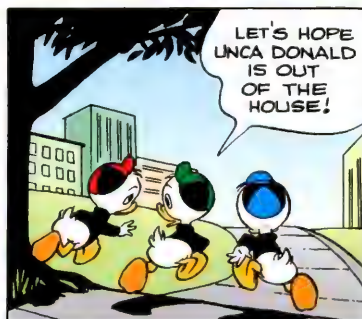
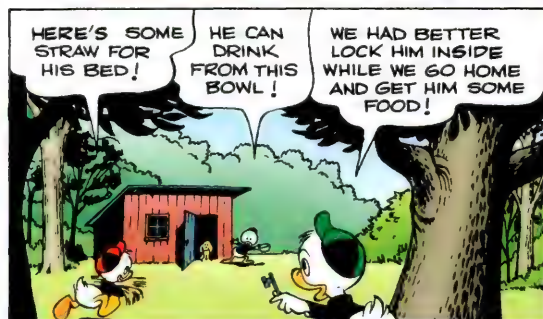
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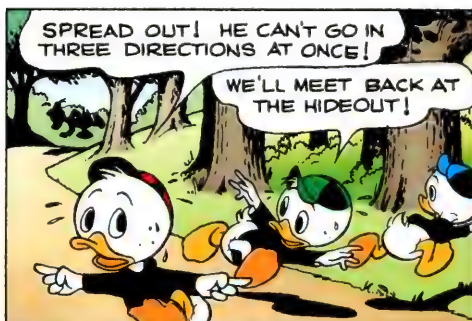
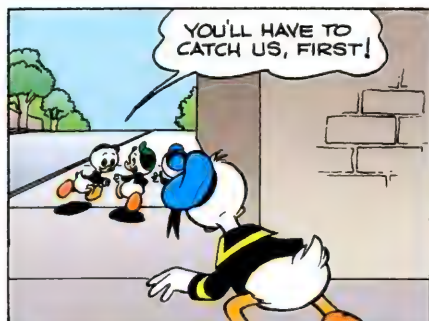
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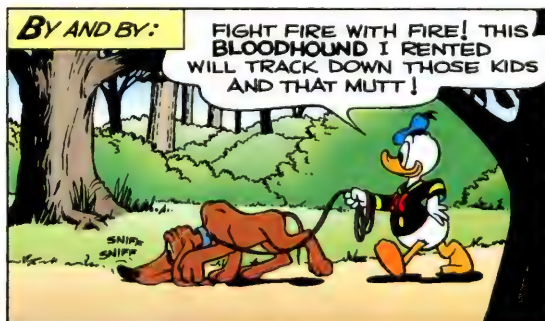
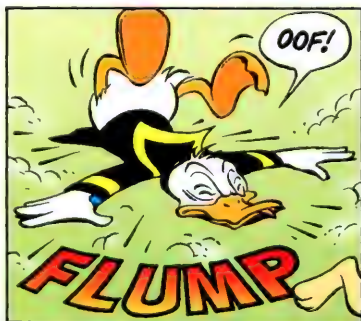
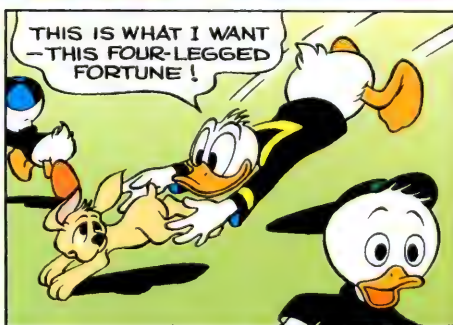
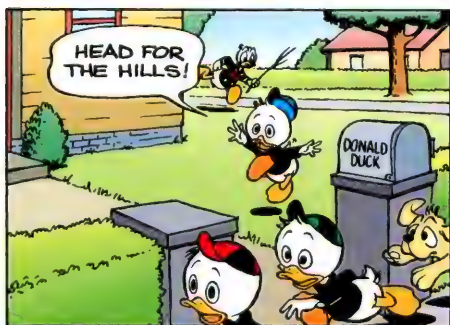
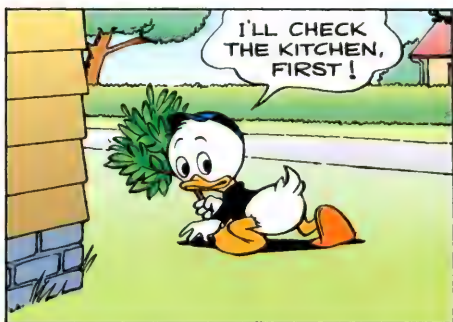


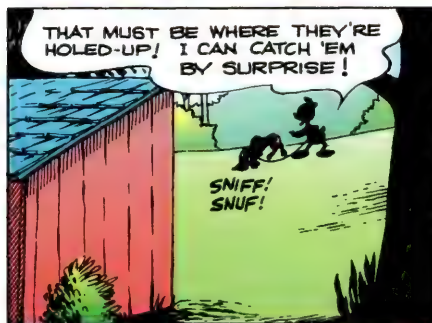
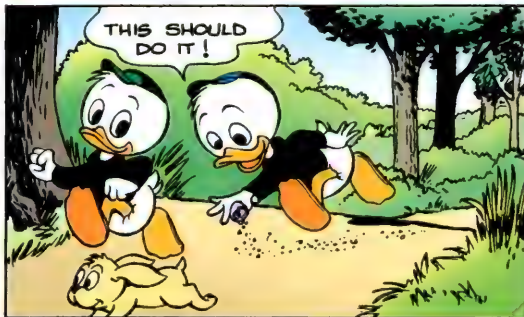
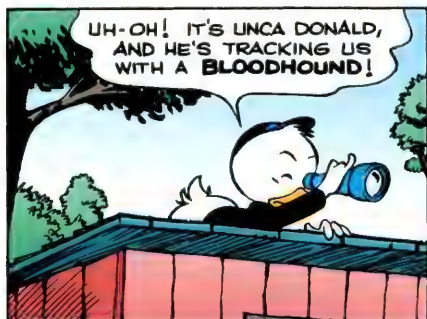


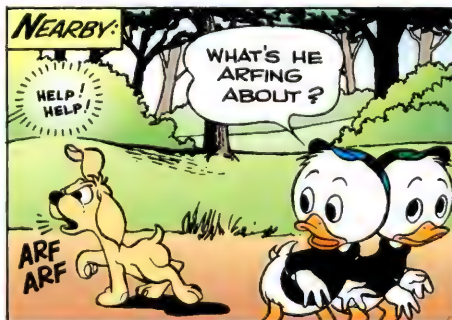
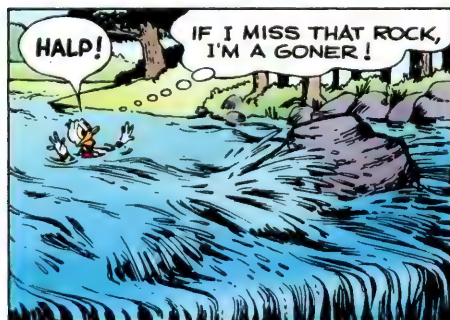
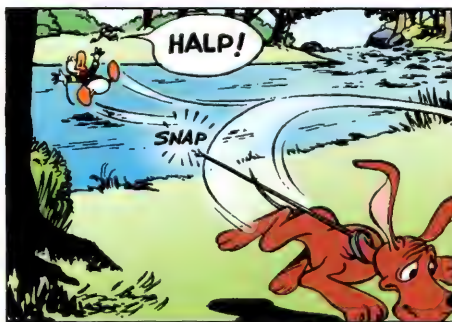
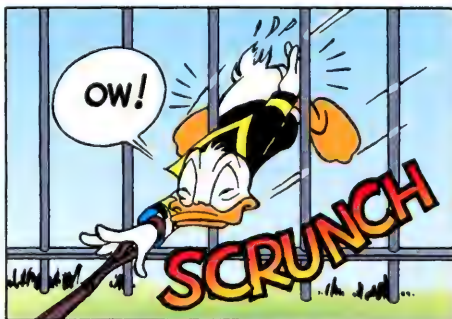
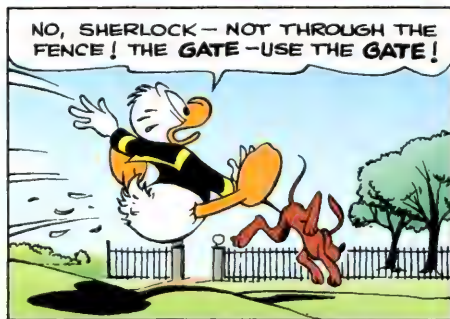


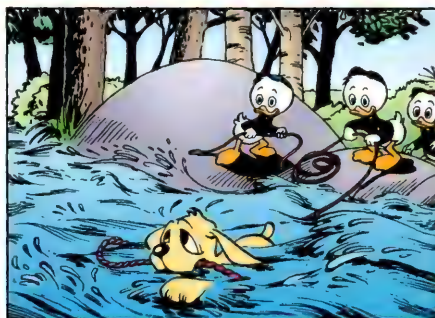
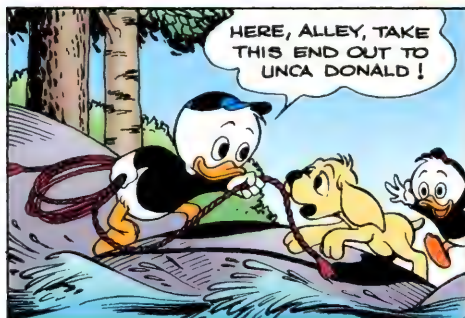
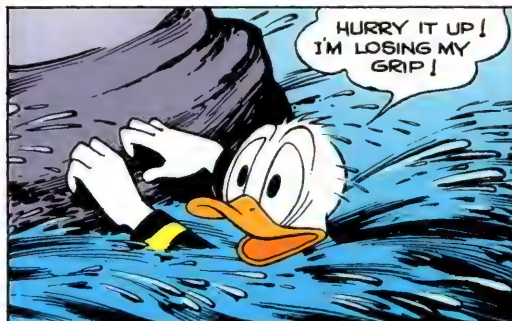
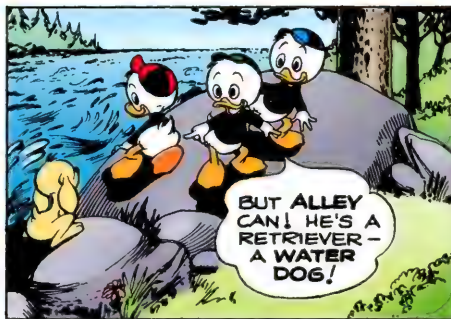
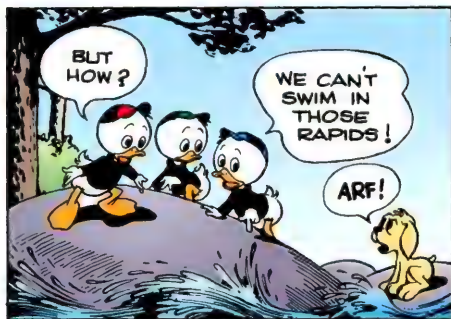
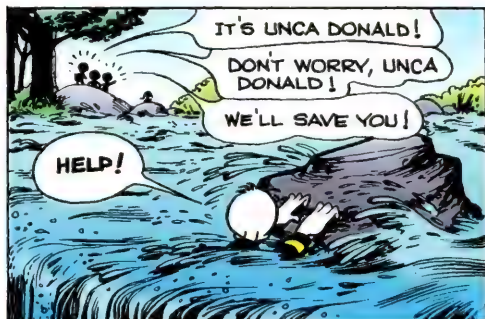


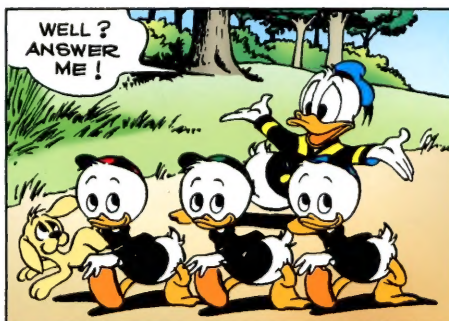
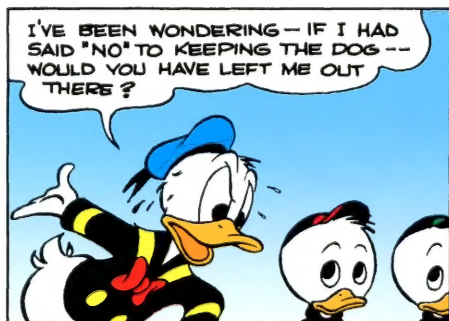
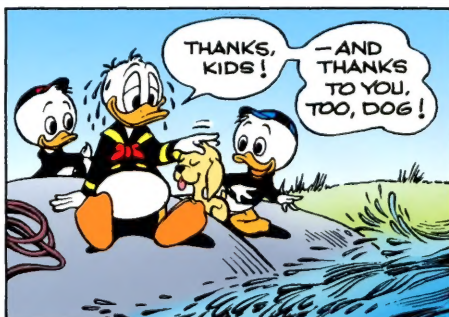
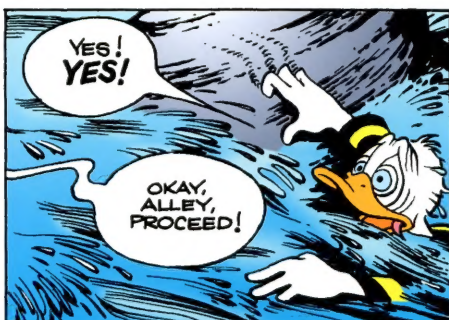
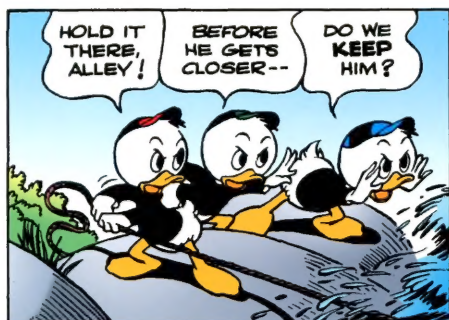














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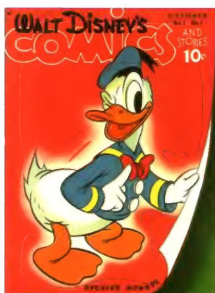
An Irregular Duckburg/Mouseon Update

Goofy in the sky with diamonds—sounds like a song spoof, but what if we told you that our dear

Goofus D. Dawg was **really** up there? How about if Donald, Mickey, Magica De Spell, and Zeke Wolf **joined** him among the diamonds?

We could only be celebrating a **diamond anniversary...** that's what! And so it is: 75 exciting years since **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories**, our beloved flagship title, first arrived in the shops!

That October 1940 first issue featured Floyd Gottfredson's Mickey Mouse, Al Taliaferro's Donald Duck, and relatively little else. But over the decades, *Comics and Stories* has also hosted Gremlin Gus, José Carioca, Hiawatha, Bucky Bug, Scamp, Brer Rabbit, Chip 'n' Dale, Mad Madam Mim, Ludwig Von Drake and many more members of



name a few! Isn't that worth celebrating? After three-quarters of a **century**—Wak! We'll say! IDW's **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories 75th Anniversary Special** is imminent—and in it you'll find an awesome cross-section of tales featuring quite a few of the talents and star characters we just listed.

We're also using our *Anniversary Special* to fix a long-ago mistake. Famed *Comics and Stories* Mickey maestro **Paul Murry** drew his classic three-part serial "Ridin' the Rails" in 1955—and in 1993, *Comics and Stories* famously tried to reprint it. But alas: the "reprint" accidentally featured Part Three without the preceding parts, and after 22 years, readers' requests for a **complete** edition are still coming in! Well, ladies and germs, it's **our pleasure...**

And hey, speaking of pleasure, the *Comics and Stories* anniversary fever is exploding out of our special edition to infect **regular Walt Disney's Comics and Stories #724** this month, too. Included is a very special new Donald Duck story pairing artist Daan Jippes with a little something you may not expect! And of course, we're also including the latest chapter of our ongoing "Search for the Zodiac Stone"... a sinister circus saga full of lions, tigers and scares!

Speaking of scares—**Screeech! Squeeech!** It's **Halloween** this month, and you'll never catch Disney Comics giving up the ghost. In *Uncle Scrooge* #7, our miserly mallard remodels his Money Bin into an Egyptian pyramid—just in time to meet up with a **malevolent mummy!** Then there's *Mickey Mouse* #5, where Golden Age legend Bill Wright sends "The Ghost of Man-Eater Mountain" up against our big-eared hero! Even *Donald Duck* #6 gets a little of that All Hallow's Eve vibe, as Donald comes clad in a classic costume... albeit as "**The Diabolical Duck Avenger**" rather than a ghoul or a grue.



And hey! *Donald Duck* #6 also celebrates one **other** important October event. Huey, Dewey, and Louie were hatched in Al Taliaferro's *Silly Symphony* Sunday comic strip on October 17, 1937... and we're giving the nephews a "**Birthday Bugaboo**," in the form of a much-requested 1970s tale by Disney staff artist Harry Gladstone.

I'm Archival Editor **David Gerstein**—and with Editor **Sarah Gaydos** and Editor-in-Chief **Chris Ryall**, I'm proud to be making our holidays and anniversaries scarier, squawkier, and just a little **more special**. •

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